

**Remarks**

In the Office Action, it is required that the pending claims 60-78 be restricted to one of two groups. (Office Action, page 2). Applicants provisionally elect Group I (*i.e.*, claims 60-71 drawn to O-desmethylvenlafaxine succinate and compositions).

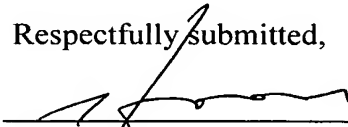
Applicants respectfully submit, however, that a single search directed to O-desmethylvenlafaxine succinate would necessarily encompass all of the claims in Groups I and II. For this reason, it is believed that the examination of Groups I-III would not impose an unreasonable burden on the Examiner. (*See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure*, §803.01). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In addition, it is also indicated in the Office Action that a single species election is required. However, Applicants respectfully point out that the provisionally elected claims are directed to one species, *i.e.*, O-desmethylvenlafaxine succinate. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the single species election requirement be withdrawn.<sup>1</sup>

No fee is believed due for this submission. If any fees are required, however, please charge such fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

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<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, for avoidance of any doubt, Applicants also provisionally elect O-desmethylvenlafaxine succinate.